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**Transmittal of Continuation Patent Application - Rule 1.53(b)**

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Anticipated Classification

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a

- ☒ continuation  
☐ continuation-in-part  
☐ divisional

application of pending prior Application No. 09/409,010, filed on September 29, 1999.

Inventor(s): Mark T. Girard

Title: PROCESSING ASSEMBLY AND METHOD

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2. ☐ Enclosed is a newly executed oath or declaration.
3. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the specification as filed in the prior application.
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5. ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
This is a continuation of Application No. 09/409,010 filed September 29, 1999.
6. ☐ Please cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_.
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8. ☒ Twenty-nine (29) sheet(s) of drawings is/are enclosed.
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Claims As Filed, After Accounting For Any Claims Canceled Or Added In Paragraphs 6 Or 7 Above				
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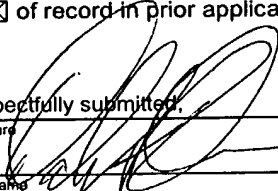
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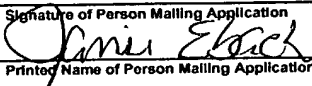
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